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Nine Mile, Mont., Dec. 18, 1904.
Mr. J. H. Walsh, Helena, Mont.

Dear Comrade: If you will kindly send me some sub cards I will try to sell them, and will remit for them when sold.

Yours fraternally,
C. F. CATON.

[You are the kind of comrade the movement is looking for. It is upon the efforts of this kind that the Socialist movement depends. The cards have gone forward.—Editor.]

Rimini, Mont., Dec. 14, 1904.
To The Montana News:

I see by the election returns that there were 3,742 votes cast against the amendment concerning child labor in the mines. Ye gods! To think there are that many wretches in this state so lost to all principles

of humanity. Ye parasites, know this: The finger of scorn of every honest man, woman and child is pointed at you.

You would condemn innocent children to work in the mines, where the smoke and poisonous gases at many times almost equals the orthodox hell as represented by our modern preachers—that you may wax fat on the product of their toil. I wonder that the ever-living God had not paralyzed the hand that marked the ballot, and caused the miserable carcass to shrivel up until Rider Haggard's "She" would look like the fat woman in a circus beside you. You have no place among men. You are a burden on the back of suffering humanity, and a wart on the face of nature.

JOHN BRACK.

That the people are awaking to the idea of Socialism, is demonstrated by the insistence they manifest by asking for information, and the first and paramount question seems to be, How can it be introduced? It is a pertinent question and deserves an honest answer.

The best part of the doctrine is that it does not require any lies to introduce it to the people. They generally admit that it is good, and what they want, but there is something about it that makes them think it should be applied at once; like the changing of a soul in the twinkling of an eye.

They fail to understand that it must come through the same process that other revolutions have come. The gradual teaching of Luther and other reformers taught the people the selfishness of the church of England and the church of Rome, and Protestantism was the result. Gradual political training taught the founders of our republic to see the dishonesty of King George, and to despise the despotism of an aristocracy; and they did not wait for their leaders to unfold to them a definite plan of government before they began the revolution. They believed in the wisdom of the men who inspired them with the courage to undertake the battle for independence; and the results are sufficient proof of the soundness of their reasoning. And the conditions that confront the common people of the United States are identical, with one notable exception, and that is the ballot. We have not yet lost the right to use that weapon; and it is the most potent weapon in the hands of honest men that is known. The time may come when even that mighty power will be taken from us. The political sharks are threatening to

abridge the rights of the negroes today. There have been attempts to agitate the idea of disfranchising the illiterate of all classes; and these straws point out the trend of unchecked political power.

Socialism means equal rights to all. It means equality in fact, not in the musty folds of a constitution that through political treachery has become obsolete. It means that the teachings of that sacred Parchment shall become the guide to future greatness, as it was originally intended to do; and the application of the economic reforms taught by Socialism will re-establish firmly and for all time the doctrines contained in that time honored document.

Political parties are not going to die out in a day. There will be the same strife, the same lying, the same dishonest efforts on the part of the dominant class of the present to succeed themselves; and after defeat we will see the same old re-organization, with new issues to entrap the voter. The fight will be bitter, but when the people have tasted the sweets of self government, when they have found that they are a part of the government established by and for themselves, and that everything belongs to them, then self-interest will forever prevent the ruling of any party again.

The greatest trial will be the reformation of the great host of narrow minded asses that will flock to the fold for refuge and to concoct new schemes for plundering the commonwealth.

Blood will tell.

T. P. CRUMLEY.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Dec. 22, '04.

Comrade J. H. Walsh: I just received the News wrapped in the enclosed poster. Now I have a collection of 60 portraits of prominent Socialists and have them pasted on a 4 by 8 map to hang in our headquarters. I have room for a few more and I want yours. Now send me one, if you have no better ones, send one of the same. Of course I have been compelled to use any newspaper cuts for many of them, but I would like better ones. But if you have no others please send this back and I will use it. I have a bulletin board 60 feet long that I keep full of the best utterances of the most eminent writers and speakers, which I print by hand with 3/4 inch rubber type on heavy cardboard that is easily read ten feet away. We are waking up a little since the election; have taken in 12 new members, and gaining a little right along.

Fraternally yours,
JAY RAND SANBURN.

Monarch, Mont., Dec. 24, '04.
Dear Comrades: Herewith \$5.00 for cards. Please send more at once; think I can sell five and perhaps more.

Merry Xmas and happy New Year to you all.

J. M. R.
[It is the efforts of this kind by the comrades that will make the cause a success; every comrade in the state could do as much if he would. All that is necessary is to throw off that old capitalistic idea of "can't" and get out and do a little hustling. If all our Socialist readers would do as much as a few of the earnest workers in less than 60 days the News would have the largest circulation in the northwest; and not only this but you would receive the financial assistance from the non-Socialist and at the same time carry the educational propaganda to the ones who must be reached. Awake comrades! —Editor.]

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 25, 1904.
Dear Comrade: Enclosed find \$3 for sub cards sold since last report. Will try and sell some more and remit Dec. 31.

W. P. GRAHAM.

Socialist News From Headquarters.

The following donations have been made toward paying off the old debt standing against the state organization: John Beard \$2.30, W. H. Pierce \$5, Local Butte \$5, Local Anaconda \$6.50, total \$18.50. Local Butte reports the expulsion of Patrick Leamy for violating his pledge by working for the democratic ticket.

Locals wishing to make any amendments to the constitution will please forward proposed amendments to headquarters as soon as possible, as a new supply of constitutions will be printed soon.

Local Butte has always held the distinction of being the largest local in the state. In November Local Livingston was second, having 7 members less in good standing than Butte. The comrades in Butte had better look to their laurels and be active. Judging from the orders for stamps from Local Livingston, it looks as if they intended being ahead of Butte this month. This brings to us the question, where is Great Falls, Helena and Missoula?

The spring elections will soon be upon us, and it is necessary that the locals in the cities begin to plan their campaigns. Everywhere possible the Socialists must be in the field with a full ticket. If we intend to be the second party in 1906 we

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